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1. A "secret and urgent" order reportedly issued by the General Secretariat of Madrid Police Headquarters on 4 June 1950 directed a search in Madrid for the Communist leaders Enrique LISTER Forjan and Juan MODESTO Guilloto. The order stated that the two Communists were reliably reported to have entered Spain, having come from the USSR to assume command of bandit activities, to recruit personnel for military intelligence and to reorganize Communist cadres. They were reported to have been seen in Madrid shortly prior to 4 June.

- 25X1X 2. The Toulouse [redacted] stated at the end of May 1950 that General MODESTO had been in Spain for some time, and that his mission was to reorganize the guerrilla movement for possible future action. [redacted] also reported efforts by LISTER to establish contacts in Galicia, where the principal revival of guerrilla activity was to take place.

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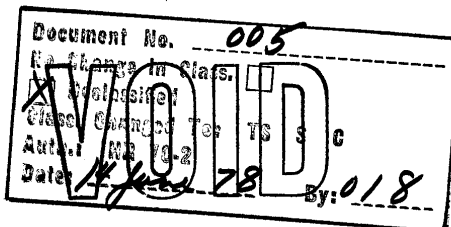
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25X1A Comment. [redacted] reported that as of April 1949 MODESTO was the leader of Communist operations in Spain, and that his liaison with the Supreme Military Junta was LISTER. According to [redacted] LISTER was scheduled to go to Spain in the summer of 1949, but he reportedly had not left France by mid-September [redacted]. He frequently has represented the Spanish Communist Party at Communist gatherings of an international nature. He attended the meeting of the Norwegian CP in Oslo in February 1950. The Spanish Communist Party celebrated its thirtieth anniversary on 16 April 1950, and LISTER reportedly participated in the celebration at Perpignan, France.

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